GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:419
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003
INTER-STATE DISPUTE ON HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to call all States meeting to resolve inter-State disputes pertaining to Hydro-electric Power, which has adversely affected the national interest in regard to self reliance in power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) if not, the effective steps taken by the Union Government to resolve the inter-state disputes pertaining to Hydro-electric power; and

(d) the guidelines issued by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 419 TO BE ANSWERED IN TH LOK SABHA ON 21.08.2003 REGARDING INTER-STATE DISPUTE ON HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER.

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) & (d) : A large number of hydro-electric projects are getting delayed due to Inter-State disputes. At present, 34 hydro-electric schemes with a total installed capacity of 7,225 MW are held up due to Inter-State aspects in different parts of the country. Recognizing the need to take up such hydro electric projects held up in Inter-State power disputes, the Policy on Hydro Power Development approved by Government in August, 1998, inter-alia, provides for basin-wise optimal development of hydro electric projects without prejudice to the claims of the basin States or effect on the benefits from the existing projects.

Efforts have been made and are being made for a consensus amongst the basin States regarding implementation of power projects held up due to Inter- State disputes. Ministry of Power has taken steps in bringing about an understanding between the concerned States for the development of Cauvery Power Projects. Similar steps are on with regard to Inter-State power disputes amongst the States in the Northern Region.